

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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DATE OF CONTENT 10 to 20 July 1952

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by personal observation, the following troop trains were run between
16 and 20 July 1952:

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Date in July	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
16	28 flatcars with 80-mm AA guns	Frankfurt/Oder	Gerdauen
	47 boxcars with troops	Gerdauen	Cottbus
19	47 boxcars with troops	Gerdauen	Cottbus
20	37 boxcars with troops	Gerdauen	Cottbus

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2. Troop trains _____ a train, consisting of 8 converted boxcars, 10 boxcars and 33 flatcars with vehicles and troops from Boetzow to Schwerin; and another train, consisting of 3 converted boxcars and 10 flatcars with vehicles, from Altengrabow to Rathenow, _____

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3. _____ the Soviet transport control headquarters to the 6th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district indicated that the following trains had to be made available for Soviet military shipments: 50 S and SS-type flatcars to be assembled in Tempelhof and dispatched to Erfurt on 16 July; 10 flatcars from Basdorf to Luensdorf, on 19 July; 13 converted boxcars for the transfer of 400 Volkspolizei personnel from Burg near Magdeburg to Pinnow, on 22 July; and 13 converted boxcars for the transfer of 400 Volkspolizei personnel from Gera to Pinnow, on 24 July. (3)

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4. The arrival of a train consisting of 50 boxcars with troops and coming from Brest Litovsk was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 20 July. (1)

5. [redacted] the following numbers of Soviet military personnel were aboard leave trains which passed Frankfurt/Oder between 10 and 17 July:

Date in July	To Brest Litovsk	From Brest Litovsk
10	150 and 140	200 and 210
11	120 and 130	180 and 190
12	130 and 120	200 and 180
13	170 and 150	200 and 190
14	180 and 190	220 and 200
15	160 and 170	180 and 230
16	190 and 160	190 and 200
17	160 and 150	200 and 220 (4)

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) These trains are probably the first trains to have carried recruits to eastern Germany. As in 1951, the [redacted] were assigned to troop trains carrying personnel. 25X1
- (2) The shipment from Boetzow to Schwerin was probably a shipment of the 31st AAA Div of the Second Jds Recz Army dispatched to Austrow. On 16 and 17 July, one shipment each was dispatched in the opposite direction. [redacted] Another [redacted] train [redacted] was dispatched to Brandenburg. It is believed that the train carried elements of the 6th Artz Div. 25X1 25X1
- (3) The railroad cars requested were probably to carry Volkspolizei personnel from Laender Thuringia and Saxony-Anhalt to the AAA school in Pinnow.
- (4) During the period from mid-March to 10 June, a daily average of 500 to 600 men went on leave to the U.S.S.R. After dropping to a daily average of 200 in the second half of June, the number of soldiers going on leave again increased to upward of 300 men by mid-July. After 10 June, the daily average of soldiers returning from leave in the U.S.S.R. decreased from 560 to 360 men. [redacted] 25X1